

North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources

Pat McCrory Governor John E. Skvarla, III Secretary

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TO: DENR-DWQ-Wetlands-Public Listserv

FROM: Karen Higgins, 401 & Buffer Permitting Unit

Amy Chapman, Transportation Permitting Unit

RE: UMBI for Riparian Buffer Mitigation Credits in the Randleman Lake Watershed –

Environmental Banc & Exchange, LLC

The purpose of this Public Notice is outlined below. This notice is available electronically at http://portal.ncdenr.org/web/wq/swp/ws/401/publicnotices.

I. UMBI for Riparian Buffer Mitigation Credits in the Randleman Lake Watershed

An Umbrella Mitigation Banking Instrument (UMBI) has been prepared by Environmental Banc & Exchange, LLC, using the approved DWR UMBI template as guidance. This UMBI will allow Environmental Banc & Exchange, LLC to sell riparian buffer credits within the Randleman Lake Watershed. Bank Parcel Development Packages (BPDP) will be submitted for review and approval for each proposed mitigation site for this bank. DWR has reviewed the UMBI and has no remaining comments.

The proposed UMBI can be found online at

http://portal.ncdenr.org/web/wq/swp/ws/401/publicnotices. Persons wishing to comment are invited to submit their comments in writing to Karen Higgins at (karen.higgins@ncdenr.gov or 1617 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-1617). All comments received by DWR by close of business (5:00 p.m.) on August 1, 2014 will be considered during preparation and approval of the final UMBI. If you have any questions, please contact Karen Higgins at 919-807-6360.

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